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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the allowance of claims 15 and 16 if rewritten as specified in the current Office action.

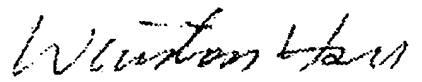
5 Therefore, without disclaimer of any kind regarding the merits of any and all claims presented during this application's proceedings, the Applicant has chosen to add the limitations of allowed claim 15 and intervening claim 4 into base claim 1 and to add the limitations of allowed claim 16 and intervening claim 11 into base claim 8. Claims 4, 11, 15, and 16 have been cancelled. As a result, claims 5, 6, 12, and 13 have been slightly amended to clear up formalities. No new material has been introduced.

10 Because the Examiner has stated that these amendments would be allowable and the allowability of all dependent claims ultimately depends upon the allowability of their respective base claims, the Applicant believes that the current application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests acceptance and allowance of claims 1-3, 4-10, and 12-14.

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